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Withheld Warren Commission Documents and Secret Department of Justice files relating to the Garrison Investigation.

The Attorney General has requested me to conduct an investigation of all the withheld Warren Commission documents and that he be advised as to any documents that might contribute to the furtherance of justice in connection with the pending New Orleans criminal cases resulting from the Garrison investigation.

The attached copy of Appendix B to our draft report contains the results of this document search and is broken down into three lists.

Part I lists all documents found in the Archives which appear to have any relation to the subject. Some of these have been noted for possible public release as indicated by an asterisk accompanying the description of the document itself. No attempt has been made by this Office to judge which, if any, of these documents might be appropriate for such use, in one form or another, for the purpose indicated by the Attorney General. The documents are merely listed and described as a basis for any recommendations you may deem appropriate.

Part II contains a similar list of documents appearing in this Department's classified files from the time of the publication of the Warren Commission Report in September, 1964 until the present.

Part III lists those documents in the Department's files which involve specific requests by persons involved

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in the Garrison investigation to obtain the assistance of this Department. In this connection, it is noted that a request for assistance by an attorney for Clay Shaw was rejected by the FBI in May, 1967 on the ground that FBI policy of confidentiality of its files prevented it from being of any assistance (Part III, item 3).

Since your Division has been more directly concerned with the subject than has our Office, we would appreciate having your recommendations concerning whatever action you may consider ~~[illegible]~~ appropriate.